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Attorney Docket No.: 2003-1686A

First Named Inventor: Taizo MINOWA et al.

Title: RACK STRUCTURE FOR BACKLASH-FREE RACK-AND-PINION

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. [X] Fee Transmittal Form

(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. [] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted.

3. [X] Specification

(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Sequence Listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix.
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. [X] Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)

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- 5. [X] Oath or Declaration
 - a.1. [X] Newly executed (original or copy)
 - a.2. [] Unexecuted
 - [] Copy from a prior application(37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. [] DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. [] Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

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7. [] CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or computer program (Appendix)

8. [] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. [] Computer Readable Form
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. [] CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. [] Paper
- c. [] The paper and computer readable copies are identical

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- 9. [X] Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- [] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
 - [] Power of Attorney
- [] English Translation Document (if applicable)
- 12. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [X] Copies of IDS Citations
- 13. [X] Preliminary Amendment
- 14. [X] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized
- 15. [X] Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
- 16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).

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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below, and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet :

[] Continuation

[] Divisional

[] Continuation-in-part (CIP)

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Sir:

A corrected formal drawing is submitted herewith in order to correct the section line label in Fig. 4(a) from "4(a)-4(a) to -4(d)-4(d)--.

Kindly substitute the attached corrected drawing sheet for the original drawing sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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